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Whoever it may concern,

My JOB is dependant on the hard work Microsoft has done to create products, support, and certifications!

I depend on being able to go home to a computer that is similar to the one I use at work, being able to keep all my tasks and appointments with me on the road in my handheld computer, and using the internet in an easy and efficient method. Microsoft has jumped through hoops to make sure I can do all of that without learning several new operating systems, buying several browsers, and having compatibility problems with my handheld computer.

Consider a world where your missile defenses are running on a LINUX computer whose core operating software is partially written by a 12year old in Russia... and it has a fatal bug! You can't exactly goto a single company and demand a fix overnight like you can Microsoft.

Don't make a mistake by hurting the one company that has driven innovation as well as created and supported hundreds of thousands of jobs WORLDWIDE.

Thank you for your time.

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